

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend the claims as follows.

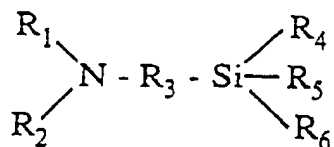
1. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable aqueous medium, at least 0.05% by weight, relative to the total weight of the composition, of one or more unpolymerized water-soluble organosilicon compounds chosen from organosilanes comprising one silicon atom and relatively unpolymerized water-soluble organosilicon compounds chosen from organosiloxanes comprising two or three silicon atoms ~~unpolymerized or relatively unpolymerized water-soluble organosilicon compounds chosen from organosilanes comprising a silicon atom and organosiloxanes comprising two or three silicon atoms~~, these organosilicon compounds also comprising at least one basic chemical function and at least two hydrolyzable or hydroxyl groups per molecule, said composition being characterized in that it comprises an amount of a neutralizing agent chosen from sulfuric acid, sulfuric acid salts and mixtures thereof, such that the unpolymerized or relatively unpolymerized organosilicon compounds are neutralized to a proportion of 1/1000 to 99/100 and preferably from 1/100 to 8/10.

2. (Original) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the unpolymerized or relatively unpolymerized water-soluble organosilicon compounds represent at least 0.5% and up to 50% by weight of the composition.

3. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the basic chemical function of the organosilicon compounds is chosen from primary, secondary and tertiary amines.

4. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the hydrolyzable groups are chosen from alkoxy, aryloxy and halogen groups.

5. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the unpolymerized or relatively unpolymerized organosilicon compound(s) is (are) chosen from the compounds of formula:



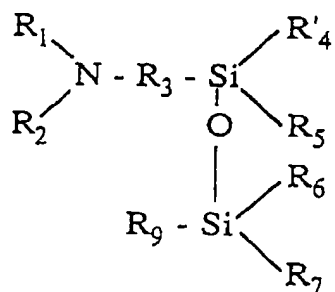
in which:

$R_4$  represents a halogen or a group  $OR'$  or  $R'_1$ ;

$R_5$  represents a halogen or a group  $OR''$  or  $R'_2$ ;

$R_6$  represents a halogen or a group  $OR'''$  or  $R'_3$ ;

$R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R'$ ,  $R''$ ,  $R'''$ ,  $R'_1$ ,  $R'_2$  and  $R'_3$  represent, independently of each other, a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched hydrocarbon-based group optionally bearing additional chemical groups,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R'$ ,  $R''$  and  $R'''$  also possibly denoting hydrogen, at least two of the groups  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  being other than groups  $R'_1$ ,  $R'_2$  and  $R'_3$ ; and



in which:

$R_1, R_2, R_3, R_5$  and  $R_6$  are defined as above;

$R'_4$  represents a halogen or a group  $OR_{11}$ ;

$R_7$  represents a halogen or a group  $OR_{10}$  or  $R''_1$ ;

$R_9$  represents a halogen or a group  $OR_8, R''_2$  or  $R_3NR_1R_2$ ;

$R''_1, R''_2, R_8, R_{10}$  and  $R_{11}$  represent a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched hydrocarbon-based group optionally bearing additional chemical groups, the groups  $R_{11}, R_{10}$  and  $R_8$  also possibly denoting hydrogen; at least one of the groups  $R_6, R_7$  and  $R_9$  denoting a halogen or a group  $OR'''$ ,  $OR_{10}$  or  $OR_8$ .

6. (Original) The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the groups  $R_1, R_2, R_3, R', R'_1, R'_2, R'_3, R'', R''', R''_1, R''_2, R_8, R_{10}$  and  $R_{11}$  are chosen from  $C_1$  to  $C_{12}$  alkyl,  $C_5$  to  $C_{14}$  aryl,  $(C_1$  to  $C_8)$ alkyl $(C_5$  to  $C_{14})$ aryl and  $(C_5$  to  $C_{14})$ aryl $(C_1$  to  $C_8)$ alkyl radicals.

7. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the sulfuric acid salts are chosen from alkali metal sulfates and ammonium sulfate.

8. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it is a haircare product.

9. (Original) The composition as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that it is a haircare product for holding the hairstyle or shaping the hair.